

GTC Fixed Income Fund

Minimum Disclosure Document



As of 31/12/2024

Investment mandate and objectives

The primary investment objective of the Fund is to generate real positive returns over time through the active management of a combination of money market, bond and income generating instruments. The strategy and investment mandate of the fund has a focus on income generation, with downside protection of capital.

Features: The fund will primarily invest in a range of fixed income securities including instruments guaranteed by the Republic of South Africa, gilts, semi-gilts, loan stock, preference shares, debentures, debenture stock, debenture bonds, unsecured notes, financially sound listed property investments, participatory interest in collective investment schemes and any other instruments guaranteed by the Republic of South Africa which are considered consistent with the fund's primary objective. The fund has a weighted average duration of 180 days.

Performance (%)

| | SI** | 5 Yr* | 3 Yr* | 1 Yr | 6 M |
|--------------------|------|-------|-------|------|------|
| GTC Fixed Income A | 6.94 | 7.07 | 8.28 | 9.21 | 4.61 |
| GTC Fixed Income B | 6.71 | 6.45 | 7.66 | 8.59 | 4.31 |
| STEFI | 5.14 | 5.32 | 6.34 | 7.53 | 3.75 |

*Annualised

AF Money Market Index was replaced by STEFI

Stated performance is after fees have been deducted

**Since Inception

Performance history (%)

| | Highest Annual Return: | Lowest Annual Return: |
|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| GTC Fixed Income B | 9.44 | 3.21 |

*Performance measured over rolling 12 months

Risk statistics: 5 years rolling

| | |
|---------------------------------------|------|
| Time Period: 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2024 | |
| Standard Deviation | 0.60 |
| Tracking Error | 0.27 |

Risk profile of the fund

Low Risk

Fund facts:

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Multi manager: | GTC |
| Fund classification: | SA - Multi Asset - Income |
| Trustee: | Rand Merchant Bank |
| Management company: | GTC Management Company |
| Benchmark: | STEFI |
| Inception Date: | 08/02/2010 |
| Fund size: | R 926 857 855 |
| Fund Units: | 874 280 854 |
| NAV price: | 1.0596 |
| Class B NAV: | R 154 719 126 |
| Latest Dividend Date: | 01/12/2024 |
| Dividend Distribution Frequency: | Quarterly |
| Value distributed: | 2.2307 |

Investment managers:

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Total investment charges (%)

| | |
|---|------|
| Total Investment Management Charges (TIC) | 0.93 |
| Total Expense Ratio (TER) | 0.93 |
| Performance Fee | 0.00 |
| Transaction Costs (TC) | 0.00 |

Costs reflected are quarterly in arrears.

TER: Expenses relating to the administration of the Financial Product. A higher TER ratio does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER may not be necessarily an accurate indication of future TERs.

TC: Transaction costs are a necessary cost in administering the Financial Product returns. Costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the Financial Product.

TIC: Should be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time including market returns, the type of Financial Product, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER.

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Asset class exposure (%)

| | |
|------------|-------|
| Local Bond | 28.53 |
| Local Cash | 71.47 |

Top 10 local fixed income holdings

| | Fund exposure (%) |
|--|-------------------|
| FirstRand Bank Ltd NCD 29/07/2026 | 5.17 |
| Nedbank Ltd NCD 24/04/2028 | 4.98 |
| Nedbank Ltd NCD 12/01/2026 | 4.18 |
| Standard Bank NCD 30/07/2026 | 3.97 |
| Absa Bank Ltd NCD 05/04/2027 | 3.87 |
| Investec Bank Limited FRN 06/02/2027 | 3.85 |
| FirstRand Bank Ltd NCD 02/02/2026 | 3.83 |
| Absa Bank Limited FRN 05/04/2026 | 3.32 |
| Absa Bank Limited NCD 04/07/2029 | 3.31 |
| Firststrand Bank Limited NCD 10/4/2027 | 3.31 |
| Total | 39.79 |

updated quarterly

Quarterly commentary

The South African Reserve Bank (SARB) continued its rate-cutting cycle during the quarter, reducing the repo rate by 25 basis points to 7.75%, a move that was largely in line with market expectations. The South African Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SACCI) Business Confidence Index (BCI) rose to 118.1 in November 2024, its highest level since October 2015, up from 114.2 in October.

Local bonds delivered a positive return of +0.4% for the quarter but lagged local cash, which achieved a return of +2.0%. Over the full year, local bonds gained +17.2% with local cash up +8.5%.

The U.S. Federal Reserve cut interest rate by a further 25 basis points in both November and December taking US interest rates to a range of 4.25% - 4.5%. Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell emphasized that further rate cuts would depend on progress in reducing persistently high inflation. The European Central Bank (ECB) also cut interest rates by 25 basis points in both October and December taking its interest rate to 3.15%. ECB President Christine Lagarde signalled that more rate cuts could be expected in 2025.

Overall, global investor sentiment was mixed over the quarter. While the short-term outlook is still unclear, the longer-term picture remains positive. Nonetheless, GTC remains cautious in our portfolio positioning as we navigate through this market cycle.

Mandate compliance

The fund remains within the reporting regime as at the date of this report.

NAV changes per quarter

| | 31/12/2024 | 30/11/2024 | 31/10/2024 |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Fund Units: | 874 280 854 | 869 925 798 | 876 970 463 |
| Class B NAV: | R 154 719 126 | R 157 780 822 | R 164 060 776 |
| Fund NAV: | R 926 857 855 | R 935 499 891 | R 936 377 861 |

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The Risk profile of the portfolios ranges from low risk to high risk with a low risk potentially associated with lower rewards and a high risk with potentially higher rewards. This portfolio has a low risk profile. It is suitable for medium to long term investment horizons. It has a balanced exposure to various asset classes and has more equity exposure than a moderate risk portfolio but less than a high-risk portfolio. In turn the expected volatility is higher than a medium risk portfolio, but less than a high-risk portfolio. Where the asset allocation contained in this MDD reflects offshore exposure, the portfolio may be exposed to the following risks: potential constraints liquidity and the repatriation of funds; macroeconomic risks; political risks; foreign exchange risks; tax risks; settlement risks and potential limitations on the availability of market information. The portfolio is exposed to equity as well as default and interest rate risks. The probability of losses is higher than that of a moderate risk portfolio, but less than a high-risk portfolio. The portfolio is subject to market or systematic risk which is the possibility of the portfolio experiencing losses due to factors that affect the overall performance of the financial markets..

Definition of the terms used to measure the risk in the portfolios a) Tracking Error: tracking error or active risk is a measure of the risk in an investment portfolio that is due to active management decisions made by the portfolio manager; it indicates how closely a portfolio follows the index to which it is benchmarked and b) Standard deviation: is a measure that is used to quantify the amount of variation or dispersion of a set of data values around the mean value. This measure is commonly known as volatility and referenced as an explicit measure of risk. One can also obtain additional information on GTC products on the website and all price related queries or information is readily available on request. Fund of funds are portfolios that invests in portfolios of collective investment schemes that levy their own charges, which could result in a higher fee structure for the fund of funds. The daily cut off time is 14:00 for trades and the valuation point is 17:00. Prices are published on Finswitch by 10:00 daily. GTC Management Company (RF) (Pty) Ltd is registered as a Collective Investment Scheme Manager in terms of Section 5 of the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act and is a member of ASISA.

MDD issue date: 16th working day of the month

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